(b) whether it is a fact that there is a State-wise need for more dogs in the country;

(c) if so, whether Government have fixed any time-limit to meet the requirements; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total amount spent by Government for purchasing sniffer dogs so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Central Government does not maintain State-wise data of sniffer dogs as this is a matter concerning State Government. It is for the State Governments to assess about the requirement of sniffer dogs and to procure those accordingly.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Since sniffer dogs are important tools for investigation, explosive detection etc., funds are allocated for strengthening/raising dog squads under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces as per the requirement projected by the State Governments in their plans.

Sniffer dogs are procured by the Central Para Military Forces also. The National Training Centre for Dogs, Tekanpur under the Border Security Force (BSF) has been declared as a Centre of Excellence by the Central Government.

Amendment of Commission of Inquiry Act

2463. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Commission of Inquiry Act needs amendments so as to provide mode of appointment of Inquiry Commission and its terms of reference to inspire confidence in its independence and make its findings and recommendations public;

(b) if so, by when the Commission of Inquiry Bill will be introduced; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) be negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Section 3(1) of the Commissions of inquiry Act,

1952 provides that the appropriate Government may, if it is of opinion that it is necessary so to do, and shall, if a resolution in this behalf is passed by each House of Parliament or, as the case may be, the Legislature of the State, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an inquiry into any definite matter of public importance and performing such functions and within such time as may be specified in the notification, and the Commission so appointed shall make the inquiry and perform the functions accordingly.

Section 3(4) of the Act provides that the appropriate Government shall cause to be laid before each House of Parliament or, as the case may be, the Legislature of the State, the report, if any, of the Commission on the inquiry made by the Commission under sub-section (1) together with a memorandum of the action taken thereon, within a period of six months of the submission of the report by the Commission to the appropriate Government.

Since sufficient provisions already exist in the Act regarding mode of appointment of Inquiry Commission, its terms of reference, make its findings and recommendations public and inspire confidence in its indepenence, there is no proposal to amend the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Naming of road after Late Piloo Modi

2464. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to name South End Road after Late Piloo Modi has been under consideration of N.D.M.C. and Government of Delhi since November, 2000;

(b) by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?